REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are requested in view of the remarks that follow. Claims 1-97 are pending in the present application. No new matter has been added.

The present application is a continuation application of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/808,690 (the '690 application) filed on March 14, 2001, and issued as United States Patent 6,611,740 on August 26, 2003. Applicants filed a preliminary amendment on July 24, 2003, by Express Mail under 37 CFR §1.10, replacing original claims 1-38 of the '690 parent application with new claims 1-97. Applicants also indicated in the preliminary amendment that the present application is a continuation application of the '690 parent application.

The Office Action failed to properly examine claims 1-97 pending in the present application. Instead, original claims 1-38 of the '690 parent application were erroneously examined. These issues were discussed by applicants' representative, Mr. Sung Kim, and Examiner Mancho during a telephone conversation on December 7, 2004.

Applicants respectfully request that the rejections in the current Office Action be withdrawn, and that claims 1-97 of the present application be promptly examined on the merits.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance. Should the Examiner believe that this application is in condition for disposition other than allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below in order to address the Examiner's concerns. Should an Office Action rejecting one or more of the correct claims be necessary, applicants request that the Office Action be issued as **non-final** in consideration of the erroneous examination of claims discussed above.

No fee is believed due at this time, but please apply any necessary charges or credits to Deposit Account 50-1721.

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